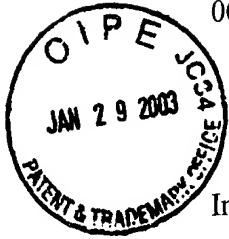


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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2002, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to co-pending U.S. patent application number 09/528,183, filed on March 17, 2000. A copy of this application is also enclosed.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2). The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any other fees be deemed necessary in connection with this paper.

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